

Taffy

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 89-602-W/S - ORDER NO. 91-230 ✓

APRIL 1, 1991

IN RE: Petition Received from Residents )  
of Ponderosa Subdivision, Greenville ) ORDER  
County, Requesting the Commission to ) DENYING  
Review Rates Approved By Order 90-651 ) REQUEST  
Dated July 16, 1990 )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition filed on February 14, 1991 on behalf of the residents of Ponderosa Subdivision which is in Greenville County. The Petition was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §58-5-270 (1976).

In their Petition, the residents of Ponderosa Subdivision requested the Commission to review the increase which had been approved for United Utilities Companies, Inc. (United or the Company) in Order No. 90-651, in Docket No. 89-602-W/S dated July 16, 1990, and to award the residents a reimbursement for the service. The residents assert that when the increase was granted to United, they were assured that the money would be used to improve the current service they were receiving. However, the residents assert that they have seen no improvements in their system since the increase.

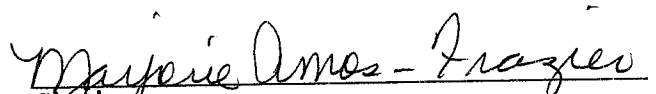
S.C. Code Ann., §58-5-270 (1976) provides that anyone may file a complaint with the Commission. However, the Code section further provides that "the Commission at its discretion may refuse to

entertain a complaint as to reasonableness of any rates or charges unless it be signed...by not less than twenty-five (25) consumers of the public utility named in the complaint." In the above-referenced case, only twenty-four (24) consumers signed the complaint which was filed with the Commission.

Also, Ponderosa Subdivision has recently obtained a state grant of funds to offset the cost of connecting with the Greenville Water System. When the connection is complete, the residents of Ponderosa Subdivision will no longer be obtaining their service from United.

Because the Petition failed to have the requisite number of signatures and because the Ponderosa customers have plans underway to tie on to the Greenville Water System, the Commission hereby denies the request for review of the rates of United Utilities Companies, Inc. approved in Order No. 90-651 in Docket No. 89-602-W/S dated July 16, 1990.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

(SEAL)